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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/825,588

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

BRIAN P. YENKE

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,6-8,12 and 13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-5 and 9-11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The examiner has receiving the IDS submitted by the applicant on 16 Apr 04. Also, in order to expedite prosecution the examiner would like the applicant to clarify how the claims are patentable over the references cited, since these references were previously cited in an International Search Report in rejecting the claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 6-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamada et al., US 6,288,750.

In considering claims 1 and 6-7,

- a) the claimed a main processor...is met by TV signal processor 100 (Fig 8)
- b) the claimed a main memory...is met by Work RAM 102 (Fig 8) which includes video data and OSD DATA including being coupled to the TV processor 100 via a bus as shown.
- c) the claimed mixing means...is met by synthesizing parts 111, 114
- d) the claimed at least one line buffer...is met by OSD Data line buffer 110

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e) the claimed hardware processing means...it met by TV signal processor 100 which reads data from Work RAM 102 via RAM 105 via OSD Data Reading Part 107.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2, 8 and 12-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamada et al., US 6,288,750.

In considering claim 2,

Yamada does not explicitly writing to one buffer whilst reading from another (i.e. two line buffers).

Yamada does disclose two line buffers video line 109 and OSD line 110 which are combined.

The practice of reading from one memory (i.e. buffer) while/whilst writing to another is conventional technique in utilizing memory in order to have the data for the next line ready to be written when the previous line is complete, thus the examiner takes "OFFICIAL NOTICE" regarding such practice.

In considering claim 8,

Yamada does not explicitly recite "Bitmap".

Yamada discloses a system which may display various broadcast signals onto a display. Bitmaps are conventionally used to store information about a display (i.e. computer graphics) in the form of bits/series of bit entries which are used to characterize each pixel.

Thus if Yamada was to be modified to display such video/OSD data on a computer display, the system would require the use of bitmaps in order to properly display a raster image.

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In considering claims 12-13,

Yamada does not explicitly recite the conversion of RGB to YcrCb or 4:4:4 to 4:2:2 data as claimed.

The concept of converting one received format to another (i.e. RGB to YcrCb or 4:4:4 to 4:2:2) are conventional in the art, since they provide systems/users the ability to receive signals of a variety of formats, which may then be converted into a format which the display can provide, thus the examiner takes "OFFICIAL NOTICE" regarding such practice.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 3-5 and 9-11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure—see newly cited references on attached form PTO-892.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Yenke whose telephone number is (571)272-7359. The examiner work schedule is Monday-Thursday, 0730-1830 hrs.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's Supervisor, David L. Ometz, can be reached at (571)272-7593.

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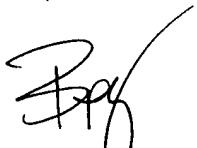
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